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## Fort Sumter News Release

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### Historic Fort Moultrie undergoes repairs



The National Park Service has begun a repair project at historic Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. First constructed of palmetto logs and sand in 1776, Fort Moultrie reflects the entire 171-year history of static coastal defense in the United States. The current brick structure, built in 1809, defended Charleston Harbor from invasion until 1947.

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In preparation for the national bicentennial celebration in 1976, parts of Fort Moultrie were restored to represent different eras in the fort's history. The exterior roof of the sally port (the covered main entrance to the fort) was repaired and sealed against water intrusion. After some twenty-five years, the five foot thick concrete roof is allowing water to leak into the sally port's interior. The water intrusion causes both a safety hazard to park visitors and deterioration of the historic concrete roof and walls.



Work has already begun to remove the exterior sealing layer of the roof and replace it with modern, high-tech sealing material that is both physically and visually compatible with the historic fabric. Soil against the vertical walls of the sally port will be excavated, the walls sealed against water intrusion, and the soil replaced. The project also includes repairs to the steel entryway doors, windows, and the interior plaster walls.

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